

August 19, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations  
  
Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary */RA/*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-11-0093 – NEAR-TERM  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENCY ACTIONS  
FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN JAPAN

The Commission has approved the following actions related to the near-term Task Force report and recommendations for agency actions following the events in Japan.

The Commission directs the staff to engage promptly with stakeholders to review and assess the recommendations of the Near-Term Task Force in a comprehensive and holistic manner for the purpose of providing the Commission with fully-informed options and recommendations. Staff is instructed to remain open to strategies and proposals presented by stakeholders, expert staff members, and others as it provides its recommendations to the Commission.

The staff should provide in a notation vote paper a draft charter for the structure, scope, and expectations for assessing the Task Force recommendations and NRC's longer term review. The draft charter should be based upon the concept envisioned by the EDO and Deputy EDO for Reactor and Preparedness Programs that establishes a senior level steering committee reporting to the EDO and supported by an internal advisory committee and an external panel of stakeholders. The draft charter should incorporate any direction provided by the Commission in response to COMWDM-11-0001/COMWCO-11-0001, if available.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

8/26/11)

The staff should provide the Commission with a notation vote paper within 21 days of the issuance of this SRM that identifies and makes recommendations regarding any Task Force recommendations that can, and in the staff's judgment, should be implemented, in part or in whole, without unnecessary delay. The staff should, in framing these short-term actions, consider the wide range of regulatory tools available and these short-term actions should be assessed using the NRC's existing regulatory framework. This review should include dialogue with external stakeholders.

The staff should provide the Commission with a notation vote paper recommending a prioritization of the Task Force recommendations informed by the steering committee. This paper should reflect all regulatory actions to be taken by the staff to respond to Fukushima lessons learned, identify implementation challenges, include the technical and regulatory bases for the prioritization, identify any additional recommendations, and include a schedule and

milestones with recommendations for appropriate stakeholder engagement and involvement of the ACRS.

(EDO)

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10/3/11)

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) should formally review all Task Force recommendations and the staff's evaluation and recommended prioritization of the Task Force recommendations, and document its review in letter reports to the Commission.

(ACRS)

(SECY Suspense:

following submission of 45 day notation  
vote paper to the Commission)

Recommendation 1 should be pursued independent of any activities associated with the review of the other Task Force recommendations. Therefore, the staff should provide the Commission with a separate notation vote paper within 18 months of the issuance of this SRM. This notation vote paper should provide options and a staff recommendation to disposition this Task Force recommendation.

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